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SUBJECT: U.S. JAPAN WHALING OBSERVER SCHEME

1. U.S.-JAPAN AGREEMENT CONCERNING INTERNATIONAL OBSERVER SCHEME FOR LAND STATION WHALING OPERATIONS IN NORTH PACIFIC EXPIRED FEB. 28, 1974. ARTICLE 7 OF AGREEMENT PROVIDES FOR CONSULTATION BEFORE TERMINATION IN ORDER DECIDE ON FUTURE ARRANGEMENTS.

2. DEPT. FEB. 6 INFORMED JAPANESE EMBASSY THAT USG WISHES TO CONTINUE OBSERVER ARRANGEMENT FOR 1974 SEASON. WE FURTHER STATED THAT WE WOULD LIKE TO USE SAME AGREEMENT AS IN 1973, EXCEPT THAT WE WOULD PREFER REMOVAL OF PROVISION PERMITTING ONLY ONE OBSERVER TO BE PRESENT AT A LAND STATION OR GROUP OF LAND STATIONS AT ONE TIME.

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SPECIFICALLY, WE WISH DELETION OF FINAL CLAUSE IN FIRST

SENTENCE OF ARTICLE 3(3) BEGINNING "PROVIDED THAT NOT MORE"
AND ENDING "AT ONE TIME."

3. JAPANESE EMBASSY FEB. 19 INFORMED US THAT TOKYO IS
AGREEABLE TO BOTH CONTINUATION OF OBSERVER ARRANGEMENT
FOR 1974 AND OUR SUGGESTED CHANGE. TOKYO ADDED IT HAD
NOT YET DECIDED ON "FORMALITIES" SUCH AS HOW AGREEMENT

SHOULD BE RENEWED AND WHERE.

4. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO APPROACH GOJ AND SUGGEST THAT
AGREEMENT BE SIGNED IN TOKYO AS WAS THE CASE LAST YEAR.
THE AGREEMENT COULD BE SIGNED IN THE SAME FORM AS THE
PREVIOUS AGREEMENT EXCEPT FOR THE CHANGE INDICATED ABOVE
AND SUBSTITUTION IN PLACE OF "FEB. 28, 1974" IN
ARTICLE 6 OF A DATE WHICH COULD EITHER BE FEB. 28, 1975
OR A DATE ONE YEAR FROM THAT OF THE SIGNATURE DATE.

5. AMERICAN AMBASSADOR IN TOKYO OR IN HIS ABSENCE
CHARGE D' AFFAIRES AD INTERIM, IS AUTHORIZED TO SIGN. IF
EMBASSY DOES NOT HAVE COPY OF 1973 AGREEMENT, COPY WILL
BE POUCHED IMMEDIATELY.

6. IF JAPANESE PREFER EXCHANGE OF NOTES EXTENDING AND
AMENDING THE 1973 AGREEMENT, THIS WOULD ALSO BE
ACCEPTABLE; HOWEVER, IN SUCH CASE, EMBASSY REQUESTED
REPORT PROPOSED TEXT TO DEPARTMENT BEFORE SIGNING.

7. SINCE 1974 WHALING SEASON OPENS APRIL 1, TWO MONTHS
EARLIER THAN LAST YEAR, AND TWO WEEKS LEAD TIME IS
NECESSARY FOR BRIEFING AND OTHER PREPARATIONS FOR
OBSERVERS, EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO ACT AS
EXPEDITIOUSLY AS POSSIBLE AND REPORT RESULTS SOONEST. CASEY

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